

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following corrected abstract:

A linear light source includes light emitting elements **5** which are arranged on a square rod-shaped printed board **4** along the longitudinal direction thereof and reflectors **6** which are arranged alternately with the light emitting elements **5**. The opposing surfaces **6a** of the reflectors **6** sandwiching the light emitting element are inclined such that ~~the cross-sectional area of space~~ the distance between the opposing surfaces of the reflectors increases in the direction of light emitted from the light emitting element **5**. The linear light source further includes resin seal layers **10** which are in the form of a trapezoidal prism or a truncated pyramid and formed by filling recesses, each of which is defined by the printed board **4**, light emitting element **5** and reflectors **6**, with a light-transmissive resin sealant. A strip-shaped reflection member made of a reflection sheet **1** or a vapor-deposited film **12** is arranged to cover a region ranging from the end face of the printed board **4** adjoining to the component side to the tips of the reflectors **6**.